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SUBJ: ECOSOC - INFORMAL MEETING AND SPECIAL SESSION OF FEBRUARY 23

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1. WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. IN THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 23 ECOSOC MET FIRST INFORMALLY AND THEN FORMALLY TO DISCUSS AND PASS A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD AMEND ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1990(LX) TO (A) TAKE NOTE OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF GHANA'S OFFER TO HOST THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND (B) TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PREPARATORY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE TO TWENTY-THREE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS (VICE ECOSOC). THE FRG, UK, AND FRANCE OPPOSED OPENING THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP TO NON-ECOSOC MEMBERS, BUT THEIR ARGUMENTS HAD THE SUPPORT NEITHER OF PRECEDENT NOR OF OTHER DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE DEBATE. IN REMARKS BEFORE OR AFTER THE VOTE (CONSENSUS), THE UK INDICATED IT WOULD RE-EXAMINE ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE PREPCOM, AND FRANCE NOTED THAT THE ARGUMENTS USED TO JUSTIFY THIS AMENDMENT COULD ALSO BE USED TO JUSTIFY AN EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING

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GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES. US DELEGATION ASKED THAT ITS NON-PARTICIPATION BE NOTED.

2. COUNCIL BUREAU. AT THE SAME MEETING AMBASSADOR DONALD MILLS OF JAMAICA WAS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION TO FILL THE VICE CHAIRMANSHIP VACATED BY COLOMBIA'S AMBASSADOR RIVAS. CHAIRMAN SMID THEN ANNOUNCED THAT MILLS WOULD CHAIR THE

COUNCIL'S ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, WHILE MINISTER MAHGOUB OF THE
SUDAN WOULD CHAIR THE COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTER-
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